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Post-Mortem on NIE 66/1-57:

Political Outlook for the Philippine Republic

Over the Next Few Months,

dated 3 September 1957

Findings

1. We encountered no major intelligence deficiencies.
2. The estimate has highlighted the necessity for continuing close coverage of such aspects of the political situation as:
  - a. The prospects for, and the popular appeal of Manahan and the Progressives, and their intentions with respect to a possible merger with the Liberals;
  - b. The extent and seriousness of the conflict within the Nacionalista party resulting from the nomination of Laurel, Jr., and the role Laurel, Jr. is likely to play in the administration if he and Garcia are elected;
  - c. The possibility that Yulo may make a serious effort to clean up the Liberal party; and
  - d. The extent to which voter apathy and public disillusionment have set in and how the elections may be affected as a consequence.

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